Alberta Foundation for the Literary Arts

Annual Report 1986–1987

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Chairman's Message

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As Chairman of The Alberta Foundation for the Literary Arts I am pleased to submit the annual report for 1986-87. This is our third annual report.

At the beginning of the year the Foundation was informed that the funding it receives from the Western Canada Lottery Corporation (Alberta Division) would be increased on April 1, 1986 from $800,000 to one million dollars annually. This increase was important in assisting the Foundation to meet its obligations.

Early in the year the Board launched a review of its grant program in order to assess its impact on the literary community. This review involved consultation with the writing, publishing and library constituencies and we expect it to be completed next year.

While the review was underway, the Foundation continued its quarterly adjudications assisted by out-of-province advisors. The Foundation also initiated a recovery of funds awarded but unspent by recipients. These recoveries were credited to the grant budget and so made available again to the literary community. After amounts refunded by grant recipients were offset against awards, the Foundation expended $714,302 on grants in 1986-87.

The Foundation funded writer-in-residence projects, readings in libraries and schools, the research and writing of various books, theatre and film scripts, writers' workshops, the publication of books and periodicals, and organization costs for writers', publishers' and library groups. The grants made by the Foundation were spread throughout the province. A list of the 105 grants is included in this report.

The Foundation is confident that it has made a major impact on literary activity in the province and looks forward to continuing its support of worthwhile literary endeavours.

Edward J. Hart

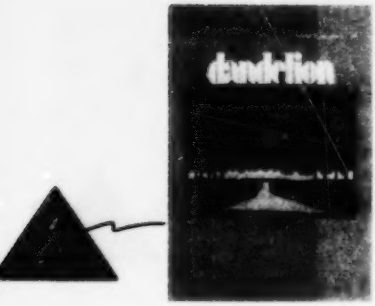
E.J. (Ted) Hart
Chairman

Grants

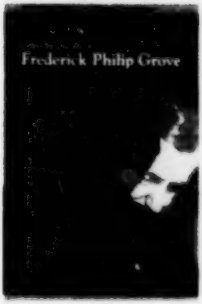
April 1, 1986 to March 31, 1987

1. Martyn Godfrey of Edmonton *to fund the research and writing of a juvenile fiction work relating to the Franklin Expedition:* $10,000.
2. Roger Lagasse of Canmore *to fund the research and writing of a historical novel for the juvenile market titled, "Crossing the Mountains:"* $2,400.
3. Claire Harris of Calgary *to fund the writing of a book of poetry titled, "Summer's Women:"* $7,900.
4. Peter Behrens of Banff *to fund the writing of a short story collection titled, "Murderous:"* $6,000.
5. Andrew Suknaski of Regina *to fund the writing of a documentary book about the experience of Chinese people in Alberta titled, "Glimmerings of Gold Mountain in Alberta:"* $6,000.
6. Cecelia Frey of Calgary *to fund the writing of a novel titled, "Out of Paradise:"* $5,000.
7. Derek Hanebury of Peace River *to fund the adaptation of the novel, "Beyond the Forbidden Plateau" into a screenplay:* $2,500.
8. Douglas Curran of Edmonton *to fund the writing of a book titled, "Itinerant Tent Revivalists:"* $5,000.
9. Jennifer Lewis of Edmonton *to fund the writing of a novel titled, "Uneven Places:"* $3,000.
10. Bruno Engler of Banff *to fund the preparation of his memoirs:* $12,000.
11. Clifford Phillips of Sherwood Park *to fund the preparation of a handbook for visitors to China titled, "Shirt-Sleeves Chinese:"* $3,900.
12. Peter White of Edmonton *to fund the writing of a dramatic television series titled, "The Denisons of Canada:"* $8,600.
13. Library Association of Alberta *to fund operations, conference costs and travel subsidies:* $47,950.
14. Jasper School District of Jasper *to fund the Jasper Visiting Writers Programme:* $6,460.
15. Leduc Public Library of Leduc *to fund the "Meet Alberta Authors" project:* $1,715.
16. Turnstone Press Limited of Winnipeg *to fund the reprinting of "Headframe" by Birk Sproxton:* $500.
17. NeWest Publishers Limited of Edmonton *to fund eight titles in their 1986 publishing program:* $18,870.
18. NeWest Institute for Western Canadian Studies Inc. of Edmonton *to fund the 1986 Forum on the Arts:* $2,725.
19. Whyte Museum of the Canadian Rockies *to fund the writing of essays and the editorial fee for "In High Places:"* $3,000.

20. Workshop West Playwrights' Theatre of Edmonton *to fund the writing and script costs of a play titled, "The Rich Man:"* $2,800.
21. Trenton Perrot of Grande Prairie *to fund the writing of a play:* $2,000.
22. Catherine Philip of Calgary *to fund the research of a book titled, "Chinookery:"* $475.
23. Constance Martin of Calgary *to fund the research and writing of a book on Arctic art:* $6,000.
24. Lakeland College of Cold Lake *to fund various literary events:* $4,910.
25. Dr. Alvin Schrader of Edmonton *to fund a study of the challenges to intellectual freedom in Canadian public libraries:* $9,200.
26. The Alberta Publishers' Association *to fund the activities of the Association:* $42,400.
27. Fred Stenson of Calgary *to write a collection of short stories:* $12,250.
28. Rose Scollard of Calgary *to write a play:* $6,395.
29. Reg Silvester of Edmonton *to write a collection of short stories:* $6,000.
30. Wendy Hill-Tout of Calgary *to revise a novel titled, "Valley of the Butterflies:"* $5,000.
31. Alberta Association for Bright Children *to fund writing instructors' fees and travel costs of the 1986 Summer Enrichment Program:* $1,400.
32. The Writers Guild of Alberta *to fund the activities of the Guild:* $35,300.
33. The Writers Union of Canada *to fund travel costs for the Chairman and a National Council Meeting in Edmonton:* $4,430.
34. The University of Calgary *to fund the Badland Writers Conference:* $4,200.
35. The Edmonton Public Library *to fund the 1987 Edmonton Young Writers Conference:* $7,500.
36. Mount Royal College of Calgary *to fund a Jane Rule writer-in-residence:* $1,540.
37. One Yellow Rabbit Theatre Association of Calgary *to fund the writers' component of the Cafe Theatre Project:* $3,000.



38. Alberta Playwrights' Network Society *to fund a playwrights' workshop at the Annual General Meeting:* $3,300.
39. Maurie Sutherland Hyde of Calgary *to fund the typing and editing services associated with a manuscript titled, "Diary of a Survivor:"* $1,550.
40. Canadian Social Sciences Services Ltd. of Edmonton *to fund the publication of "Beaver, Beads and Pemmican:"* $10,000.
41. Detselig Enterprises Ltd. of Calgary *to fund the publication of a biography of Betty Mitchell:* $4,960.
42. Lone Pine Publishing of Edmonton *to fund the Pathfinder Book Series:* $37,729.
43. Sandra Dempsey of Calgary *to fund the revision of a play titled, "Armagideon:"* $4,980.
44. Monica Hughes of Edmonton *to fund attendance at the IBBY Conference in Tokyo:* $4,862.
45. Northeast Library Project Society of St. Paul *to fund a writer-in-residence program:* $1,740.
46. Calgary Public Library *to fund a Fred Stenson writer-in-residence:* $6,600.
47. Red Deer College Press *to fund the publication of six titles of poetry:* $12,000.
48. James Gray of Calgary *to fund the research and writing of a biography of R.B. Bennett:* $21,078.
49. Karitann Publishers of Edmonton *to fund the publication of a chemistry textbook:* $7,500.
50. Ian Adam of Calgary *to fund work on a poetry manuscript titled, "Goodlands and Other Yarns."* $950.
51. Spruce Grove Public Library to fund a literary cafe: $481.21
52. Daniel Dancocks of Calgary *to fund the preparation of a manuscript titled, "Second Ypres."* $3,200.
53. Alberta Library Trustees Association *to fund the activities of the Association:* $60,000.



54. Paddy Campbell of Calgary *to fund the writing of a play titled, "Scarecrow."* $12,093.
55. Hurtig Publishers Ltd. of Edmonton *to fund a feasibility study for a Canadian Encyclopedia for Young People:* $13,300.
56. William Pasnak of Calgary *to fund the writing of a juvenile novel titled, "Matthew's Summer."* $5,000.
57. Plains Publishing Inc. of Edmonton *to fund the publication of a novel titled, "Ride to Win."* $4,000.
58. Gordon Pengilly of Calgary *to fund the writing of a play titled, "Stephansson."* $3,000.
59. Reidmore Pocol Enterprises Ltd. of Edmonton *to fund the publication of a juvenile book titled, "Technology and Change: The Japanese Experience."* $9,000.
60. Leila Sujir of Calgary *to fund the development of a manuscript on the film work of artist Joyce Wieland:* $4,520.
61. Stage Hanna Association *to fund a playscript competition:* $1,000.
62. Sarah Murphy of Calgary *to fund the writing of a book of longer stories:* $5,000.
63. Canadian Authors Association (Calgary Branch) *to fund "Hints n' Prods."* $600.
64. Detselig Enterprises Ltd. of Calgary *to fund the publication of a book titled, "That's Me in the Middle."* $9,950.
65. University of Lethbridge *to fund a Lorne Daniel writer-in-residence:* $2,369.31.
66. University of Lethbridge *to fund Whetstone magazine:* $3,000.
67. Banff Public Library *to fund a reading series titled, "The Writer as a Live Animal."* $1,985.
68. Association of Canadian Publishers of Toronto *to fund the Annual General Meeting in Alberta:* $6,475.
69. Thistledown Press of Saskatoon *to fund the publication of three books of poetry by Alberta poets:* $3,000.

70. Prairie Publishers Group of Winnipeg *to fund the Alberta component of their display and flyer programs:* $3,210.
71. The Periodical Writers Association of Canada (Calgary Chapter) *to fund an "Art of Non-Fiction Writing Seminar"* $3,000.
72. The University of Alberta Press of Edmonton *to fund the publication of "Empire of Dust,"* $7,215.
73. Lillian Knupp of High River *to fund the research and editing of a history of early ranches in the Highwood River country,* $2,100.
74. Tree Frog Press Limited of Edmonton *to fund the publication of four book titles and their promotion,* $25,000.
75. Barrhead Public Library *to fund a writer-in-residence,* $475.40.
76. Clement Martini of Calgary *to fund the research and writing of a play titled "The Color of Coal."* $1,500.
77. The Writers Guild of Alberta *to fund displays, the Annual General Meeting, and the 1986 Awards Program,* $16,300.
78. The Alberta Publishers' Association *to fund the Jim Douglas Publishing Consultancy,* $14,000.
79. Nancy Holmes of Calgary *to complete the writing of a collection of poetry,* $5,400.
80. Andrew Wreggitt of Calgary *to fund the writing of a book of poetry titled "Making Movies,"* $9,500.
81. Detselig Enterprises Ltd. of Calgary *to fund the publication of "Sonata Form" and "The Vision and Game,"* $3,950.
82. Thistledown Press Ltd. of Saskatoon *to fund "Thistledown Celebrates Alberta" promotion,* $1,000.
83. Celebration of Women in the Arts Society of Edmonton *to fund literary bursaries for the Womanstrength Festival '87,* $750.
84. Barbara Johnston of Edmonton *to attend the Rare Book Workshop in New York,* $3,793.94.
85. Ken Rivard of Calgary *to edit a poetry manuscript titled "Frankie's Desires,"* $2,000.
86. Myrna Kostash of Edmonton *to fund a literary consultation and lecture in Poland,* $1,552.
87. Caterina Edwards of Edmonton *to fund the writing of a novel titled "High Tide,"* $8,000.
88. Eunice Scarfe of Edmonton *to fund attendance at the Banff Centre's May Writing Studio,* $3,045.
89. Bill Williams of Calgary *to fund the research and writing of a filmscript titled "Lillian,"* $6,000.
90. Fifth Street Publishing of Edmonton *to fund the publication of "The Bullet,"* $17,400.
91. Northeast Library Project Society of St. Paul *to fund an author-in-residence:* $1,500.

92. Edmonton Public Library *to fund the Alberta authors and titles collection upgrading project, up to* $10,000.
93. NeWest Review of Saskatoon *to fund a Red Deer promotion,* $325.
94. Calgary Public Library *to fund a Public Lending Rights Workshop,* $1,000.
95. Wetaskiwin Public Library *to fund an Alberta Author Seris,* $1,429.
96. Red Deer College *to fund the Summer Writing Workshop,* $4,858.
97. Alberta Book Fair Society of Edmonton *to fund the 1987 Alberta Book Fair,* $6,500.
98. Guy Weadick Elementary School of Calgary *to fund the Bill Pasnak writer-in-residence,* $1,000.
99. Grande Prairie Public Library *to fund the Creative Writing Workshop,* $1,244.80.
100. Shortgrass Library Project Society of Medicine Hat *to fund the spring author tour,* $1,000.
101. St. Albert Public Library *to fund Pauline Gedge's writer-in-residency,* $9,000.
102. Mount Royal College of Calgary *to fund the Daphne Marlatt writer-in-residence:* $1,190.
103. Plains Publishing Inc. of Edmonton *to fund the publication of "Bible Bill,"* $6,650.
104. Quest Theatre of Calgary *to fund the commission fee for Sharon Pollock to write a play for young audiences,* $3,000.
105. Red Deer Public Library *to fund the Mystery Bus Tour for National Book Week,* $400.

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Financial Statements – March 31, 1987

Auditor's Report
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Auditor's Report

To the Members of the Alberta
Foundation for the Literary Arts

I have examined the balance sheet of the Alberta Foundation for the Literary Arts as at March 31, 1987 and the statement of revenue, expenditure and retained earnings for the year then ended. My examination was made in accordance with generally accepted auditing standards, and accordingly included such tests and other procedures as I considered necessary in the circumstances.

In my opinion, these financial statements present fairly the financial position of the Foundation as at March 31, 1987 and the results of its operations for the year then ended in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles applied on a basis consistent with that of the preceding year.

Donald D. Salmon
C.A.
Auditor General

Edmonton, Alberta
May 15, 1987

Balance Sheet

AS AT MARCH 31, 1987

ASSETS	1987	1986
Current:		
Cash	$ 365,615	$ 287,742
Short-term deposits	497,010	521,665
Interest receivable	38,808	7,593
Accounts receivable	1,947	167
Prepaid expenses	2,898	2,448
	906,278	819,615
Fixed:		
Furniture and equipment, at cost	12,982	10,992
Less: Accumulated depreciation	4,793	2,299
	8,189	8,693
	$ 914,467	$ 828,308
LIABILITIES AND SURPLUS		
Current:		
Grants payable	$ 89,567	$ 177,660
Accounts payable	4,541	12,025
	94,108	189,685
Equity:		
Retained earnings	178,384	638,623
Reserve	641,975	—
	820,359	638,623
	$ 914,467	$ 828,308

The accompanying notes are part of these financial statements.

Statement of Revenue, Expenditure and Retained Earnings

FOR THE YEAR ENDED MARCH 31, 1987

REVENUE	1987	1986
Contributions from the Western Canada Lottery Alberta Division	$ 1,000,000	$ 800,000
Interest	61,934	66,883
	1,061,934	866,883
EXPENDITURE		
Grants	714,302	860,358
Salaries and employee benefits	75,175	47,378
Board members fees and expenses	50,359	29,795
Office	27,388	18,245
Professional fees	4,676	2,729
Staff travel	3,178	2,767
Depreciation	2,494	2,299
Advertising, public relations and conferences	2,307	2,854
Miscellaneous	319	1,912
	880,198	968,337
Excess (deficiency) of revenue over expenditure for the year	181,736	(101,454)
Retained earnings at beginning of year	638,623	740,077
	820,359	638,623
Less:		
Appropriation to reserve (Note 3)	641,975	—
Retained earnings at end of year	$ 178,384	$ 638,623

Notes to the Financial Statements

MARCH 31, 1987

Note 1 Authority

The Alberta Foundation for the Literary Arts operates under the authority of the Cultural Foundations Act, Chapter C-40, Revised Statutes of Alberta 1980, as amended.

Note 2 Significant Accounting Policies and Reporting Practices

Grants
Grants are recorded as expenditure when approved by the Board and required conditions are met by the grant applicants.

Amounts returned by grant recipients are offset against grants expenditure in the year they are returned.

Depreciation
Depreciation is recorded using the straight-line method at the following rates:

Office furniture and equipment - 15% of original cost
Computer equipment - 25% of original cost

Changes in Financial Position
A statement of changes in financial position is not provided as disclosure in these financial statements is considered to be adequate.

Note 3 Reserve

The Foundation has established a reserve for the purpose of retaining an ongoing funding capability and to provide for future exceptional grant expenditures.

Note 4 Commitments

At March 31, 1987 the Foundation had commitments totalling $22,400 (1986 nil) in respect of grants approved but not disbursed where certain conditions were still to be met by the applicants.

Note 5 Approval of Financial Statements

These financial statements were reviewed by the Chairman and recommended for approval by the Board.

General Information

The goals of The Alberta Foundation for the Literary Arts are:

— to promote the literary arts in Alberta;
— to provide people and organizations with an opportunity to participate in the literary arts;
— to support and contribute to the development of the literary arts in Alberta; and
— to support and contribute to the publishing and marketing of the literary work of Albertans by assisting and developing library services and the book and periodical industry in Alberta.

The Foundation was established by the Government of Alberta in 1984 and receives funding from the Western Canada Lottery (Alberta Division) to a maximum of $1,000,000 per annum.

The Foundation uses the majority of its annual income for grant purposes.